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In our newsletter, you can read about current and coming events at the Institute, and relevant useful information and news

Exhibition: 17th October – 6th November 2008 at the Danish Institute
Opening hours: daily 17-21, Sunday also 12-15. Monday closed.

THE FRENCH CONNECTION - 100 years with Danish architects at the French Archaeological School in Athens

The exhibition "The French connection" marks the 100th anniversary for the Danish-French co-operation, whose foundation was laid by the director Maurice Holleaux in 1906. He invited Danish architects to work at the French excavations – the first Danish architect was Gerhard Poulsen, who worked on Delos from 1908 to 1914. Later, a series of Danish architects followed in his footsteps, among those Kaj Gottlob, Erik Hansen, Johann Otto von Spreckelsen and Gregers Algreen-Ussing.



The exhibition presents for the first time ever 34 original drawings that show the development in the work of the architects and their importance in registering monuments from the Greek antiquity. Furthermore photos, models, tools and sketches that provide a detailed insight into



the architects' working conditions are displayed.

The exhibition was opened on 17th October by the Director of the Department of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Dr. Vivi Vassilopoulou, in the presence of the Ambassador of Denmark and the Ambassador of France.

The exhibition will then travel to Denmark, where it will be displayed at the Thorvaldsen's Museum from 4th December to 1st February 2009.

Photo: From the left: The French Ambassador Christophe Farnaud, Director of the Danish Institute Erik Hallager, Director of the French School Dominique Mulliez, Dr. Vivi Vassilopoulou, the Danish Ambassador Tom Nørring and his wife Helle Nørring.



SEMINAR: In connection with the exhibition, a seminar was held on 18th October. Among the speakers were the Danish architects Erik Hansen and Gregers Algreen-Ussing, and among the French architects and archaeologists can be mentioned Didier Laroche and Martin Schmid. Programme and abstracts can be found on www.diathens.com
The seminar will also be held in Denmark on Friday 5th December at the Glyptoteket in Copenhagen.

Photo: Erik Hansen at his speech

Agenda for upcoming events in 2008 at the Danish Institute:



Monday 10/11 at 8 p.m.:

Opening of the exhibition “Slowly Arrives...” with paintings by the Norwegian artist *Kirsti Grotmol*.
The exhibition is open until 30 November daily at 6-10 p.m.,
Sunday also 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



Monday 24/11 at 8 p.m.:

Presentation of the Greek edition of Eugenio Barbas book “The Paper Canoe. A guide to Theatre Anthropology”, translated by *Konstantinos Themelis* (Dodoni Editions).



Thursday 11/12 at 8 p.m:

“Urbanization in the Greek World 1000 - 500 BC and the critical masses of settlement size and settlement numbers.”
Lecture in English by Research Fellow, *ph.d. Rune Frederiksen*,
The Danish Institute.

New Assistant Director



Since 1st July 2008, Sine Riisager has been the Assistant Director of the Danish Institute.

She has a Master of Arts (1999) in English literature and language with a minor in modern Greek language and culture from Aalborg University and University of Copenhagen. She has worked in Greece since 1999, among other things as an educator in English language and literature, and as the Head of the English department at the international and multicultural university *Athenian College* in Athens. Since 2004 she has worked in the cultural department of both the Danish Institute and the Danish Embassy in Athens, enhancing Greek-Danish relations in the form of cultural exchange between the two countries.

The new Acropolis museum



Athens' new Acropolis museum, which is an impressive architectural work, is built to house the archaeological findings related to the Acropolis Hill.

The ground floor of the Museum is open to the public 10.00 to 18.00 daily.

This provides an opportunity for visitors to have a taste of the Museum's

architecture, while the permanent exhibition is being mounted in the upper floors. You are also able to catch a glimpse of the archaeological excavation that lies within the Museum's lower levels through the large expanses of glass 'windows' in the ground floor.

Currently you can visit a temporary exhibition (until end of December 2008) called *Nostoi* that has been organized by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and is presented in the Temporary Exhibition Gallery of the Museum.



The Nike Temple restored



After six years of work, the program of restoration of the Nike temple on the southwest of the Acropolis plateau, right next to the Propylaia, is practically done. The work involved the complete dismantling of the Temple and the treatment of each stone individually. The concrete foundation dating the 1938 restoration was demolished and its iron girders replaced; the plinth has been reconstructed and the Temple restored to include newly identified architectural elements, secured with titanium studs.